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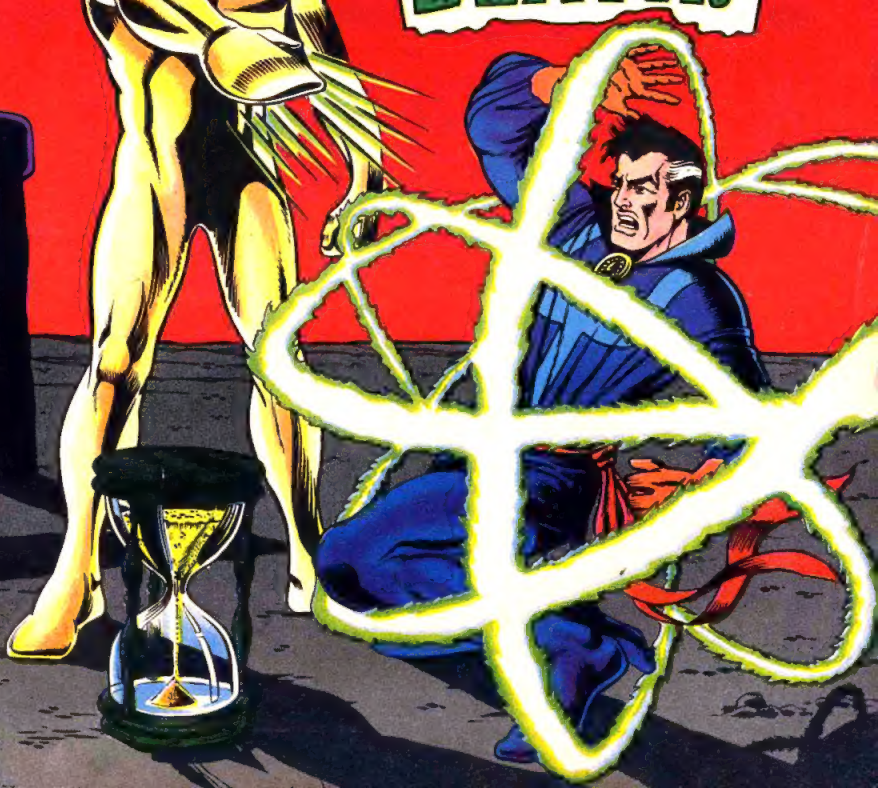
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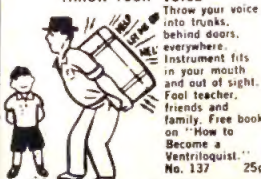
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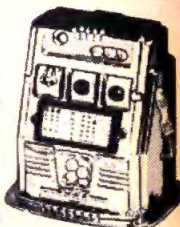
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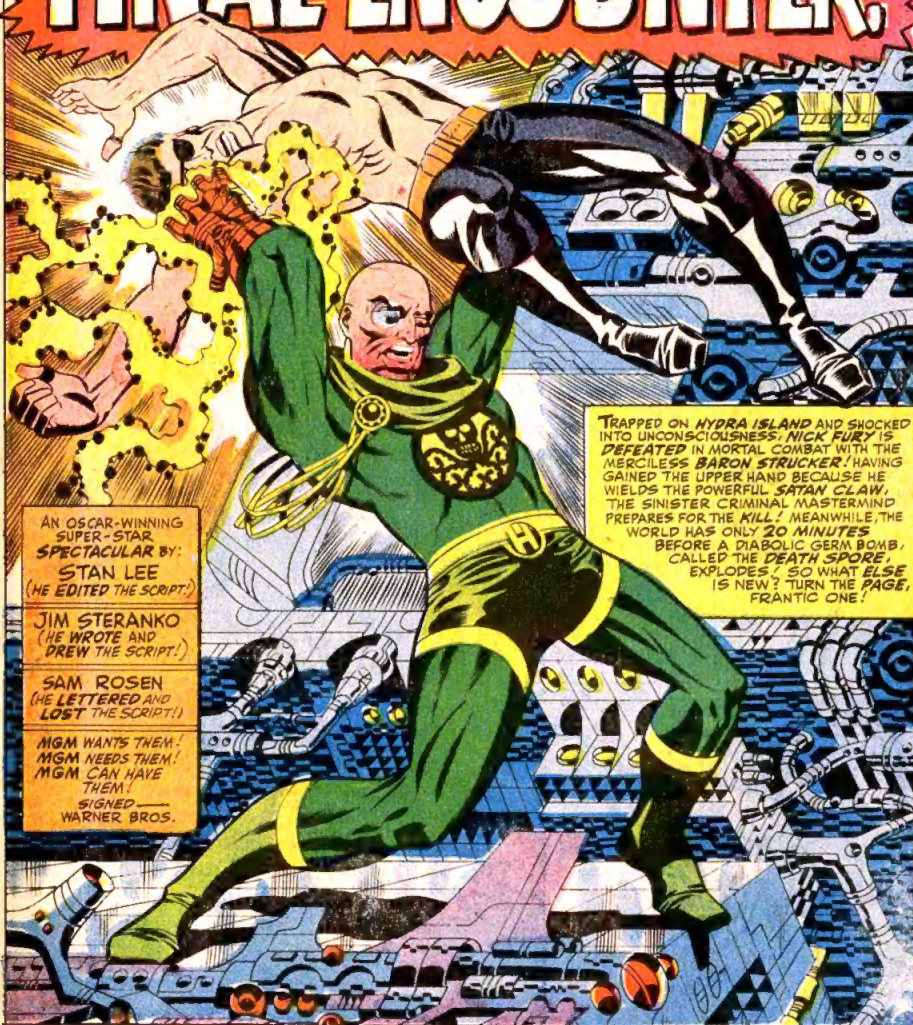
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WARNER BROS.

TRAPPED ON HYDRA ISLAND AND SHOCKED INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS, NICK FURY IS DEFEATED IN MORTAL COMBAT WITH THE MERCILESS BARON STRUCKER! HAVING GAINED THE UPPER HAND BECAUSE HE WIELDS THE POWERFUL SATAN CLAW, THE SINISTER CRIMINAL MACHINERD PREPARES FOR THE KILL! MEANWHILE, THE WORLD HAS ONLY 20 MINUTES BEFORE A DIABOLIC GERM BOMB, CALLED THE DEATH SPORE, EXPLODES! SO WHAT ELSE IS NEW? TURN THE PAGE, FRANTIC ONE!

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IF ONLY THE SWINE WHO SERVE SHIELD
COULD SEE THE **INDESTRUCTIBLE**
COLONEL FURY NOW...EXHAUSTED...
HELPLESS...DEFEATED!!

NOW YOU WILL LEARN THE
FOULY OF DEFILING THE
FORBIDDEN SANCTUM
OF HYDRA!

LIKE THE FOOL
YOU ARE, YOU
CHOSE DEATH
TO SUBMISSION!

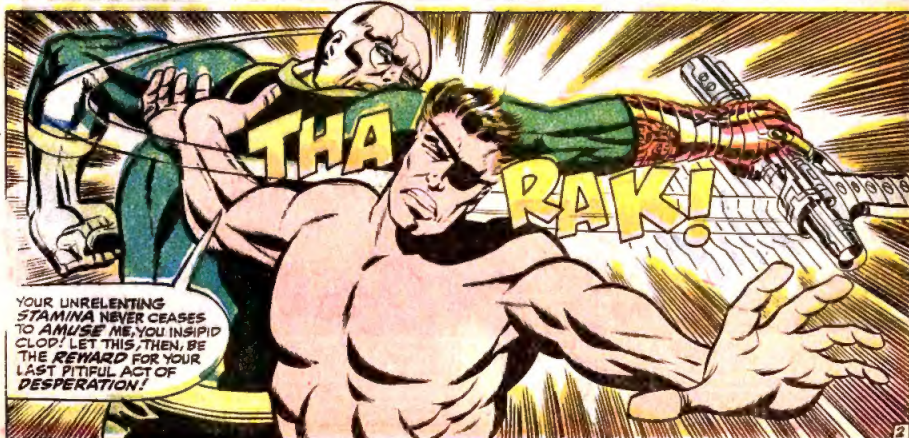
SKRUNCH!

BATTERED AND BEATEN, THE
CRUMPLED BODY OF NICK
FURY LIES STILL FOR LONG
MOMENTS...THEN BEGINS
TO STIR...

PAINFULLY...WITH AGONIZING
SLOWNESS, THE TORN AND
TORMENTED FIGURE RISES...
AS HIS MISTY EYES SPY A
FALLEN WEAPON...

...AS YET UNAWARE OF THE
PRESENCE LURKING BEHIND
HIM... WAITING TO MOVE IN...

WAITING TO STRIKE
THE FINAL BLOW...



YOUR UNRELENTING
STAMINA NEVER CEASES
TO AMUSE ME, YOU INSIPID
CLOD! LET THIS, THEN, BE
THE REWARD FOR YOUR
LAST PITIFUL ACT OF
DESPERATION!

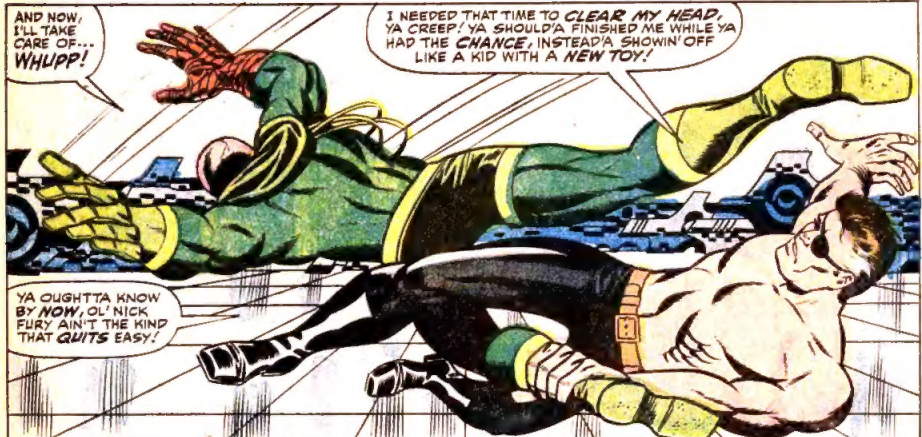
EVEN NOW, WHILE YOU DRAW YOUR LAST BREATH, THE **DEATH SPORE** TICKS AWAY ITS FINAL MOMENTS TO DOOM... **EXACTLY SEVENTEEN MINUTES!**

THE WORLD WILL SOON KNOW THE INCREDIBLE **POWER OF HYDRA**... JUST AS YOU NOW WITNESS THE **POWER OF MY SATAN CLAW!**

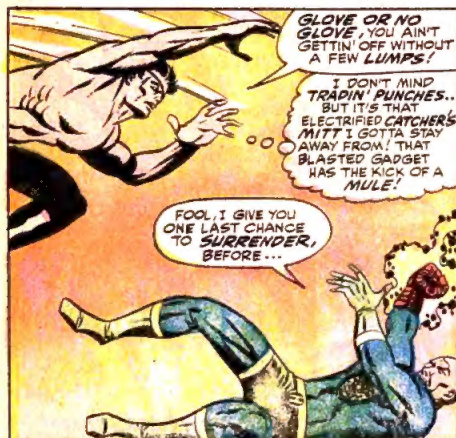


AND NOW, I'LL TAKE CARE OF... **WHUPP!**

I NEEDED THAT TIME TO **CLEAR MY HEAD**, YA CREEP! YA SHOULD'A FINISHED ME WHILE YA HAD THE **CHANCE**, INSTEAD'A SHOWN' OFF LIKE A KID WITH A **NEW TOY!**



YA OUGHTTA KNOW BY **NOW**, OL' NICK FURY AIN'T THE KIND THAT **QUITS EASY!**



GLOVE OR NO GLOVE, YOU AIN'T GETTIN' OFF WITHOUT A FEW **LUMPS!**

I DON'T MIND **TRAPIN' PUNCHES**... BUT IT'S THAT **ELECTRIFIED CATCHER'S MITT** I GOTTA STAY AWAY FROM! THAT **BLASTED GADGET** HAS THE KICK OF A **MULE!**

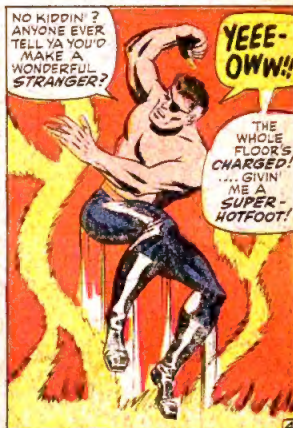
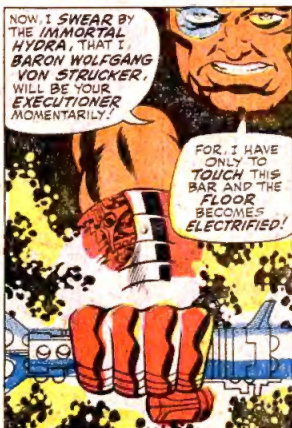
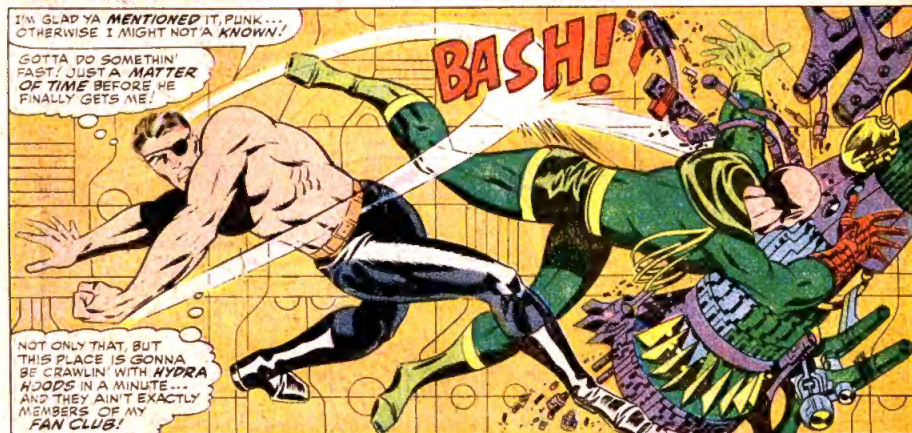
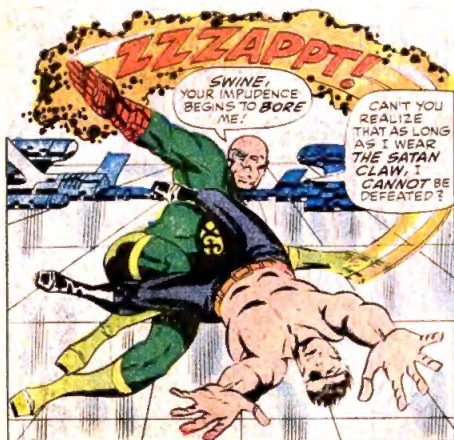
FOOL, I GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE TO **SURRENDER**, BEFORE...



BEFORE **WHAT**, STRUCKER?

DON'T KEEP YER OL' BUDDY IN **SUSPENSE**, IF YA GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY... **SPIT IT OUT!!**

KR-ZUH!



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MORE MIXED-UP MADNESS FROM MARVEL'S MIGHTY MASTERS OF MYSTICISM, MAGNIFICENCE, AND MISINFORMATION!

ITEM: Even though all the details aren't in yet, this one is too hot to keep under wraps any longer! It's what you've all been demanding—a full half-hour TV show for each of Marvel's top two mags: The fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR, and the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! And dig this—both shows will be phantasmagorically presented over the ABC network, in full animation and colossal color! Yep, you heard it right! The F.F. starring in their own spectacular show—and Spidey starring in his own tinnitinating thriller—both coming your way this fall! Watch this page for more exciting info in the issues to come—we'll fill you in on who's producing 'em, what type of stories will be produced, the exact date and time, etc. But, in the meanwhile, who SAYS this isn't the Marvel Age of World Take-Over!

ITEM: We've just gotta tell you this! The whole batty Bullpen is bustin' with pride over the way our mags are being received overseas in the United Kingdom! Affable Al Wallace, talented editor of Odnams Press, publishers of SMASH, WHAM, and POW, three of England's most famous and best-selling weekly comics mags, jetted in from London recently just to wrap up a deal with Marvel whereby world-famous Odnams will become our showcase in the United Kingdom, featuring all the best of our super-hero epics! (And, as every True Believer knows, we've only got the best—there isn't any worst!) So, a swingin' salute to our pal Al and all our block-bustin' British boosters! Glad to have you aboard, guys!

ITEM: This one's really gonna knock you outta your tree! You know all the zillions of no-prizes we've been tossing around for years? Well, since a no-prize is really just that—a no prize—many of our time-honored winners have asked how they can prove to posterity that they've ever actually won one! Therefore, from now on, every winner of what has become the most coveted non-award in history will receive a little something to prove he's really won! What is it? You'll find out, tiger—soon as you win one!

ITEM: Remember the ruggedly realistic artwork of Jolly JOHN SEVERIN when he illustrated some of the earlier Agent of Shield strips? Well, Johnny's returning to the fold once more, after having finally seen the light! Can you guess which strip he'll soon be doing? No, it won't be Shield this time—Jaunty Jim STERANKO is doing such a magnificent job writing and drawing the saga of Nick Fury's friendly little followers that we just can't bear the thought of switching him to another strip. However, we do have a mag which has been drawn by the same Marvel master for a few years now, and ol' SEV will soon be taking it over, since Darlin' DIZZY READERS seem to have an expected high on his hands with the surprise sensation of the year—none other than the mysterious GHOST RIDER! Also, didja notice that Groovy GARY FRIEDRICH is now writing SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING WHATCHAMACALLEMS, having replaced Rascally ROY THOMAS, who's become almost as busy as our leader lately.

Gary should do a great job on Fury's fanatics, having listened to so many war yarns from his dad, and so many exaggerated exploits from Stan himself. By the way, don't worry too much about Rollickin' Roy—he's got enough work to keep him off the streets these days, what with authoring AVENGERS, X-MEN, SUB-MARINER, and excuse notes for Honest Inv! (He claims that Smiley gives him the hard ones to write, while he keeps the easier ones for himself!—Yeah, the "easy" ones—like SPIDEY, THOR, FANTASTIC FOUR, DAREDEVIL, etc.! Hoo Boy!)

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

While we're waiting for your letters telling us what you'd like us to editorialize about, we thought you'd get a charge out of this note which we just received:

Dear Bullpen: Enough! I have sat idle too long! I have watched the MMS turn into disorganized chaos. (And that's the worst kind!) As a solution, I suggest we have some officers. By buying his first Marvel mag, a fan is automatically entitled to the rank of RFO (Real Frantic One). His first published letter elevates him to QNS (Quite Nuff Sayer). A no-prize raises him to TB (True Believer). Each additional no-prize raises one level: From JHC (Junior Howling Commando) to RH (Resident Hulk) to AAT (Associate Assistant Thing) and finally to the penultimate, the utmost state a fan can attain: MM (Marvelite Maximus)! Naturally, the artists all have the rank of DDD (Definitely Dizzy Doodlers), the editorial assistants are IPR (Illiterate Proof-Readers), art associates are VOD (Victims of Doodlers), the letters are IWP (Indefatigable Word Placers), and Stan himself is at the summit—MEO (Marvel's Earthbound Odin). Each person would use his title at the start of his name—As I've done. (Signed—) RFO Mark Evanier, 10418 Tennessee Ave., Los Angeles, Cal. 90064.

Y'know something, gang—we kinda dig Mark's idea. Let us know how it hits you and maybe we can really get the thing rollin'! Fair 'nuff!

THE WRAP-UP: Looks as though we were more long-winded than usual this ish—which means we've like run out of the space needed to give you additional scoop about this summer's coming King-Size Special! But, don't despair, dear friends—just hoard your next six two-bit pieces—try not to squander them on luxuries like food and clothing—and we'll clue you in on our Specials next ish! Till then, hang loose, heroes—the good times are just beginning! ('Nuff said!)

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GOTTA GET OFF THE FLOOR...
SOMEHOW... OUT OF CONTACT
...ACROSS THIS CHANNEL OF
MACHINERY!

IF I MISS, THEY'LL
BE SCRAPIN' ME
UP WITH A PUTTY
KNIFE!



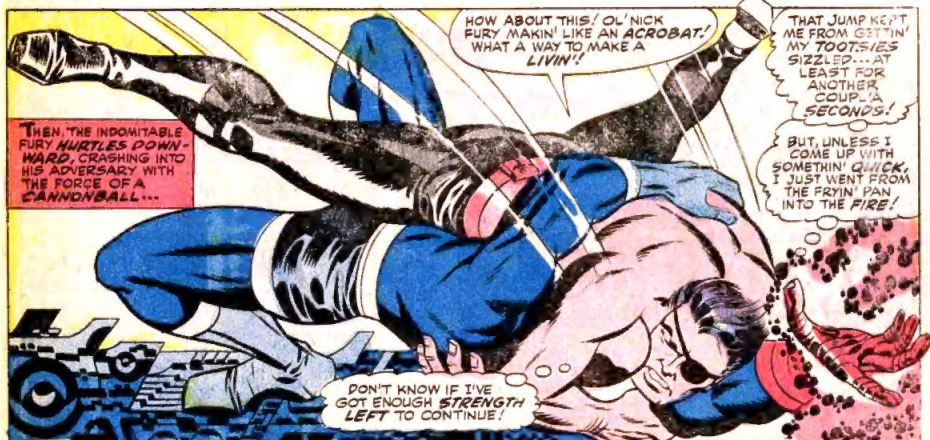
HA! THE FOOL WILL NEVER
MAKE IT! HE'LL PLUNGE TO HIS
DEATH...

NO! WAIT!
HE DID IT!

NOW
WHAT'S
HE
DOING?

SOME
KIND OF
SOME 2-
SAULT...

LIKE A
MAD
BUTTERFLY...
HE..HE'S...

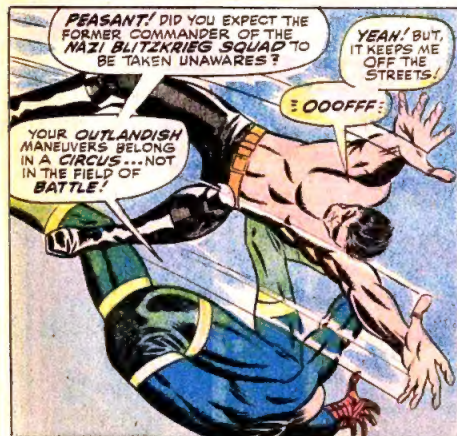


HOW ABOUT THIS, OL' NICK
FURY MAKIN' LIKE AN ACROBAT!
WHAT A WAY TO MAKE A
LIVIN'!

THAT JUMP KEPT
ME FROM GETTIN'
MY TOOTSIES
SIZZLED... AT
LEAST FOR
ANOTHER
COUP-
A
SECONDS!

BUT, UNLESS I
COME UP WITH
SOMETHIN' QUICK,
I JUST WENT FROM
THE FRYIN' PAN
INTO THE FIRE!

DON'T KNOW IF I'VE
GOT ENOUGH STRENGTH
LEFT TO CONTINUE!

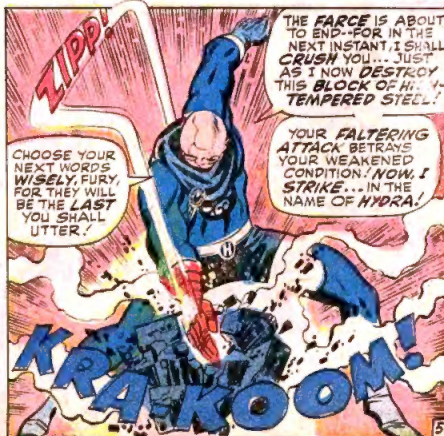


PEASANT! DID YOU EXPECT THE
FORMER COMMANDER OF THE
NAZI BLITZKRIEG SQUAD TO
BE TAKEN UNAWARES?

YEAH! BUT,
IT KEEPS ME
OFF THE
STREETS!

OOOFF!

YOUR OUTLANDISH
MANEUVERS, BELONG
IN A CIRCUS-NOT
IN THE FIELD OF
BATTLE!



ZIPP!

THE FARCE IS ABOUT
TO END-FOR IN THE
NEXT INSTANT, I SHALL
CRUSH YOU... JUST
AS I NOW DESTROY
THIS BLOCK OF HI-
TEMPERED STEEL!

CHOOSE YOUR
NEXT WORDS
WISELY, FURY,
FOR THEY WILL
BE THE LAST
YOU SHALL
UTTER!

YOUR FALTERING
ATTACK BETRAYS
YOUR WEAKENED
CONDITION! NOW, I
STRIKE... IN THE
NAME OF HYDRA!

KRA-KOOM!

HE'S RIGHT, I'M WASTED!
GOTTA TAKE HIM NOW...
I'LL NEVER LAST
ANOTHER ROUND!



AND, IN THE SAME MOMENT,
THE INTREPID AGENT OF
SHIELD SETS HIS FINAL
DESPERATE SCHEME INTO
MOTION...



CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER
SHOCK FROM THAT BLASTED
GLOVE! GOTTA GET IT OFF
HIM! JUST ONE CHANCE IN
A HUNDRED THAT THIS
PLAN'LL
WORK!



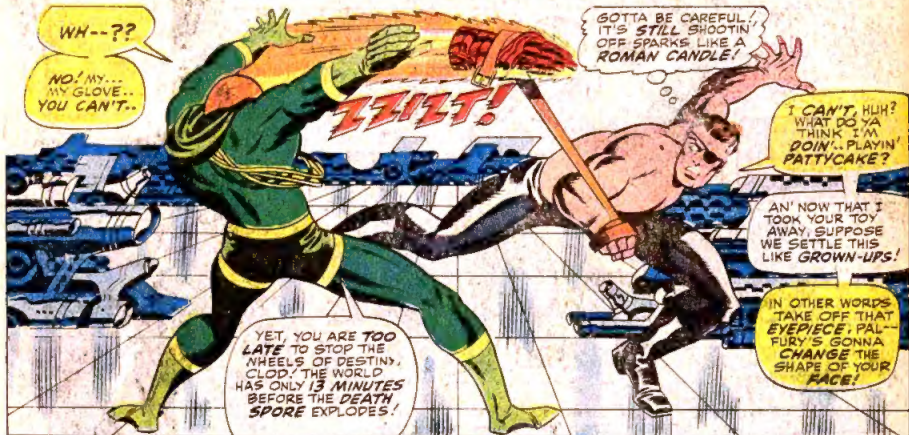
BUT
IT'S
THE ONLY
ONE I
GOT!

THEN, USING THE BELT LIKE A
WHIP, FURY SNARES THE
PULSING SATAN CLAW...A
SPLIT-SECOND BEFORE
STRUCKER COMPLETES HIS
DEATH BLOW...



WH--??

NO! MY...
MY GLOVE...
YOU CAN'T..



GOTTA BE CAREFUL!
IT'S STILL SHOOTIN'
OFF SPARKS LIKE A
ROMAN CANDLE!

I CAN'T, HUH?
WHAT DO YA
THINK I'M
DOIN'..PLAYIN'
PATTYCAKE?

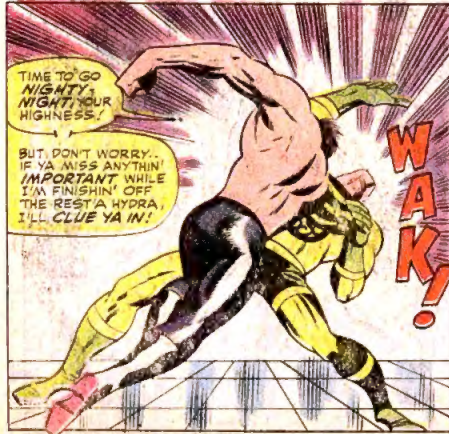
AN' NOW THAT I
TOOK YOUR TOY
AWAY, SUPPOSE
WE SETTLE THIS
LIKE GROWN-UPS!

IN OTHER WORDS
TAKE OFF THAT
EYEPiece, PAL--
FURY'S GONNA
CHANGE THE
SHAPE OF YOUR
FACE!

YET, YOU ARE TOO
LATE TO STOP THE
WHEELS OF DESTINY,
CLOD! THE WORLD
HAS ONLY 13 MINUTES
BEFORE THE DEATH
SPORE EXPLODES!

TIME TO GO
NIGHTY,
NIGHTY, YOUR
HIGHNESS!

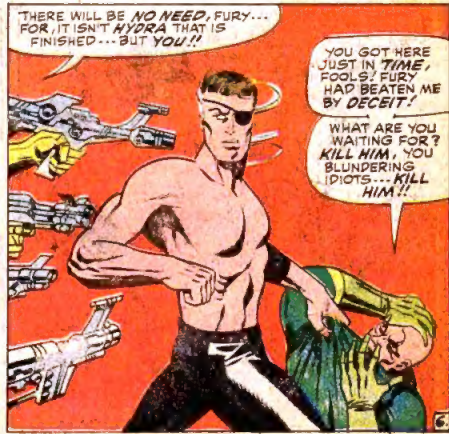
BUT, DON'T WORRY..
IF YA MISS ANYTHIN'
IMPORTANT WHILE
I'M FINISHIN' OFF
THE REST A HYDRA,
I'LL CLUE YA IN!



THERE WILL BE NO NEED, FURY...
FOR, IT ISN'T HYDRA THAT IS
FINISHED...BUT YOU!!

YOU GOT HERE
JUST IN TIME,
FOOLS! FURY
HAD BEATEN ME
BY DECEIT!

WHAT ARE YOU
WAITING FOR?
KILL HIM, YOU
BLUNDERING
IDIOTS...KILL
HIM!!



THEN BEFORE ANY CAN THINK FAST ENOUGH TO COUNTER HIS SPLIT-SECOND LUNGE, THE UNRELENTING NICK FURY HURLS HIS 6-FOOT-2 FRAME INTO THE ARMED THRONG OF HYDRA HOODS, CUTTING A FIERCE SWATH THROUGH THE TREACHEROUS TEAM OF MASKED ASSASSINS, DODGING A HAIL OF DESTRUCTION, SAVAGELY BATTLING TOWARD THE COVERING SAFETY DEPTH OF A NEARBY TURBINE POWER WELL...



THEN, PLUNGING INTO THE SHEER CYLINDER, THE DYNAMIC DIRECTOR OF SHIELD GAINS THE COVER OF THE ICY DARKNESS, AS A VOLLEY OF LETHAL SHELLS TEAMS INTO THE WATER AROUND HIM...

UN-OH! GUESS THIS IS IT... TRAPPED HERE!

NO WAY OUT... I FIGURED WRONG!

WHILE ABOVE HIM, THE HYDRA HORDE RELEASES A MAELSTROM OF DEATH INTO THE WELL, EACH SHOT SEEKING TO FIND ITS TARGET WRITHING BELOW...

THAKA THAK THAKA

STOP FIRING!!

EVEN IF FURY ESCAPED THAT SALVO, HE'LL COME UP FOR AIR! WE'LL WAIT!

TWO...THREE...FIVE MINUTES... THE SURFACE REMAINS UNBROKEN, EXCEPT FOR A FINAL CLUSTER OF BUBBLES RISING ALONE...

NO MAN COULD LAST THIS LONG WITHOUT AIR! AT LAST...NICK FURY IS DEAD!

HAIL HYDRA!

THEN, SECONDS LATER...

FOCUS THE SCANNER ON SHIELD'S DOOMED HELI-CARRIER! THE IMPERIAL HYDRA COMMANDS!

HOW MUCH LONGER MUST WE WAIT FOR THE SIGN WHICH HERALDS OUR REIGN?

ONLY TWO MINUTES BEFORE THE DEATH SPORE DETONATES! SUPREME ONE!

HOW I'VE DREAMED OF THIS MOMENT, NOW ONLY A FEW HEARTBEATS AWAY!

SOON, THE WORLD WILL COWER IN ABJECT HELPLESSNESS BEFORE ME!

THE DEATH SPORE WAS MY CROWNING CREATION...A GERM BOMB WHICH CANNOT BE DE-ACTIVATED!

AND, AS IT EXPLODES, A CLOUD OF ULTRA-DEADLY MICRO-ORGANISMS WILL DESCEND UPON CIVILIZATION, ANNIHILATING ENTIRE CITIES... EVEN WHOLE CONTINENTS!

WHILE WE OF HYDRA REMAIN SAFE, WITHIN THE IMPREGNABLE DOME OF HYDRA ISLAND!

ALREADY I FEEL THE POWER THAT IS MINE...FOR I ALONE WILL RULE!

NO KIDDIN', PAL! YA MUSTA BEEN TAKIN' MODESTY LESSONS OFFA CASSIUS CLAY!

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Six months ago, for perhaps the first time in history, the United States Government issued patent protection on to an invention that has been classed **ILLEGAL**. Sound strange? Not really, here's why. I'm sure you're familiar with the famous gasoline-economy tests run by all the major oil companies. Well, do you know that the remarkable new invention described in this patent was actually banned from these tests because it is **TOO EFFECTIVE**? Do you know that because this invention saves so much gasoline that it actually gives so much economy, it is actually **ILLEGAL** for a test-driver to fit one on his car? And do you know that because it boosts gasoline mileage up to 31% more in one gallon of gas, it actually **OUTLAWED** in every recognized, scientifically sound economy test? Believe the claims: the tests conducted these tests were forced to rule that it gives all cars that have it an **UNFAIR ADVANTAGE**.

In other words, if you are a person planning on entering one of these "gas-economy" contests, then the message isn't for you. **YOU JUST WON'T BE ALLOWED TO ENTER!** So, if this **INVENTION**—**SORRY, IT'S TOO SIMPLY ILLEGAL**—but if you are a person who is not interested in winning records, who is only interested in getting more miles per gallon than you ever dreamed of, then what you are about to read is just what many of America's leading corporations are doing at this very moment. I hope what you are about to read is perhaps the most thrilling and exciting news in automotive history.

**TEST DRIVERS REPORT UP TO
11 MORE MILES PER GALLON —**
The name of this great new invention is the **G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER**, and there is no better way to describe to you the increased performance and economy it will give you. The results of this "bombshell effect" it had on research scientists and test-drivers, who simply refused to believe the "crazy" test gauges when they first tried it out. Look:

**CUTS GASOLINE COSTS TO
AS LITTLE AS 13 CENTS A GALLON**
When the **G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER** was first tested by the same research laboratories used by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler, the results were so overwhelming, (a staggering increase of up to

66 per cent) that it actually lowered gasoline costs to as little as **ONE CENT A MILE**.

When test drivers made by the world's leading auto rental system with this incredible money saving invention, and then test-ran on the road and on such world famous proving grounds as the Indianapolis Speedway, the test-drivers of these vehicles were absolutely amazed to see his 8 cylinder sedans get better gas-mileage than small European economy cars! When private test owners, and some of the nation's largest taxi fleets tested this great new invention to determine just how much gas it would save them, the results were so dramatic that within 10 days they received savings of not hundreds, but thousands of gallons of gas, the very first month alone!

**UP TO 500 MILES OF DRIVING
FROM A SINGLE TANK OF GAS**
Yes, from test after test, road tests, laboratory tests, tests by some of the world's most famous drivers . . . come re-

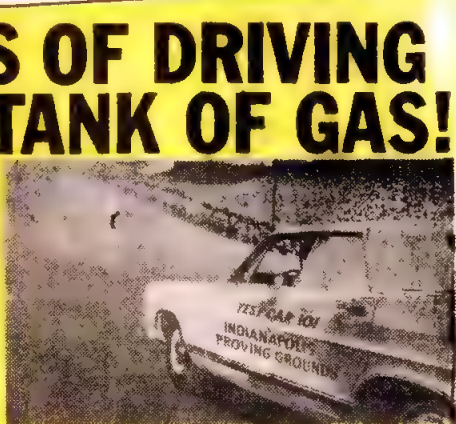
BEST SEED OF ALL!
World's Leading Rent-A-Car Company Road-Tests Amazing New Invention For 31 Miles Per Gallon — 31st Order Fleet Of CARS IMMEDIATELY EQUIPPED!
The report "Savings of up to 54 gallons a month per car!"
Yes, from one of the nation's largest rental car fleets, test drivers chose the most dramatic point of all — "A company that spends more money on gasoline in one weekend than the average person spends in a lifetime" they tested this incredible new invention and here's what they found. **BOOSTED GASOLINE MILEAGE A FULL 31% TO 31 MILES A GALLON TESTED.** Wouldn't you like to save up to \$200 a year on your car? For full details read the rest of this page.

ports of cars that drive for hundreds and hundreds of miles ON A SINGLE TANK OF GAS. Thousands of test cars from Ford, General Motors, Chrysler that get more miles per gallon today than when they were brand new. Reports of big luxury sedans that weigh 5½ times more than small European cars, and yet get better mileage, better performance and huge dollar savings thanks to this new miracle invention.

**IF IT WORKS SUCH
MILEAGE-MIRACLES, HOW
CAN COME THE ANSWER?
MANUFACTURERS HAVEN'T
INSTALLED THIS TYPE UNIT IN
THEIR CARS — THE ANSWER
IS THAT TWO ALREADY HAVE!**

By now you are probably wondering just what is the **G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER** . . . and how does it work? Well, to make a long story short . . . if you were to look at the most famous car in the world, the \$200,000 European luxury cars like the Maybachs or the Aston-Martins, you would see situated in those engines a special gasoline unit — especially designed to extract more blazing power, more energy from each gallon of gasoline. This remarkable "bonter-unit" is what gives these cars such amazing performance . . . such **TOTAL POWER** . . . and such increased engine efficiency. And this is precisely what the **G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER** is designed to do — enable your engine to extract more power — increase the rate of combustion energy and more gasoline economy.

Yes, proven at Indianapolis — proven in the same test laboratories used by Ford, General Motors and Chrysler . . . proven by the world's largest automobile fleet owner, an exciting new scientific "breakthrough" that means . . . no matter what kind of gas you use, no matter what kind of car you own you can now pile up 100 miles of drive a week, month after month and still fill your tank with as little as **ONE CENT A GALLON** . . . and save up to 500 gallons of gas each year!



WHAT IT IS — IN ACTION — The miracle **G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER**, caught by the eye of ultra high speed cameras at one of the world's most famous proving grounds. Yes, here on the big viewing corridor you see dramatic picture-proof of tests conducted by leading automobile authorities at the Indianapolis Speedway. Tests that **PROVE** you can now actually drive 100 miles of gas into your engine in a new and different way. Triggers . . . piston-driving energy . . . and unleash a blazing source of power for your car . . . in documented proof of just how this amazing new discovery can save you up to \$200 in gasoline bills in the next 12 months . . . read the rest of this page. (Tests performed by official Indianapolis Test driver)

ONLY instead of costing \$100 to \$150 (like the European bonter-unit), the **G. T. ENERGY CHAMBER** costs but a mere fraction. This because after years of intensive research automotive experts have finally found a way to simplify this bonter-unit . . . reduce the number of parts in each unit . . . may produce them in slash costs in a mere fraction . . . and make them available at a price so low it's almost too ridiculous to mention. Why do you realize what this means to you if you are a person who is determined to save yourself up to \$16 a month on your gas bills . . . up to 50 gallons of gas each month . . . yes, up to \$200 a year on wasted gasoline.

**INSTALLS IN MINUTES —
PAYS FOR ITSELF IN AS LITTLE
AS 13 DAYS**
It means that no matter what kind of car you now have . . . no matter how old that car may be . . . no matter what condition it is in . . . no matter how many miles you pile on each month . . . here at last is the automobile discovery you've long dreamed about . . . and has now come true. Because, from this day on you too can now save up to 50 gallons of gas each week and weeks on end without ever stopping at a service station. Now you too can drive across 6 states of the union on just a single tank of gas. Drive a trail from New York to Chicago on just 2 or 3

rankful. In other words, perform miracles that only yesterday you thought were impossible. No, if you don't want to achieve the same wonderful results as America's largest automobile fleet owner, Indianapolis tests, and by research scientists at the very same testing laboratories used by Ford, Chrysler and General Motors, then take advantage of this special Free-Trial introductory offer. Remember, all you risk is the few minutes it takes to fill out the special reservation coupon below, and you have a lifetime of driving convenience and economy to gain.

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STAND WHERE YA ARE, STRUCKER! DON'T EVEN BAT AN EYE! YA KNOW HOW NERVOUS OL' NICK'S TRIGGER FINGER GETS!



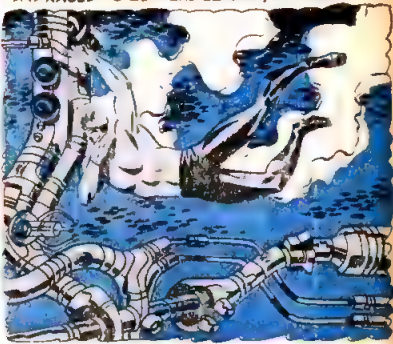
SURPRISED?? WE BEEN THROUGH TOO MUCH TA NEVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN! I MEAN...IT WOULD'VE BROKE MY LITTLE HEART OL' BUDDY.



SIDES, WE STILL GOT A SCORE TA SETTLE... AN' I ALWAYS HATE TO LEAVE ANY LOOSE ENDS FLAPPIN'.



"YA SEE WHEN I DOVE DOWN THAT WELL, I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE A WAY OUT... BUT THERE WASN'T! I KNEW YOU'D BE WAITIN' FOR ME IF I CAME UP FOR AIR! THEN, I REMEMBERED THE OXYGEN PELLETS I CARRY UNDER MY WAISTBAND! I PLAYED POSSUM 'TIL YOU THOUGHT I WAS DEAD THEN CLIMBED OUT AND RACED TO GET HERE BEFORE YOU DID!"



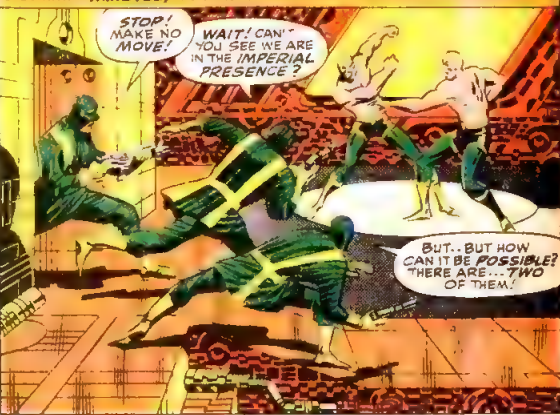
THEN, FURY, YOU MERELY POSTPONED YOUR DEATH. BECAUSE, FOR YOU THERE IS NO ESCAPE FROM HYDRA ISLAND!



THAT'S YOUR STORY! BUT THE GAME AIN'T OVER YET! I STILL GOT AN ACE OR TWO UP MY SLEEVE.



BUT WITHIN MINUTES, THE ELITE HYDRA GUARD ENTERS THE CHAMBER...

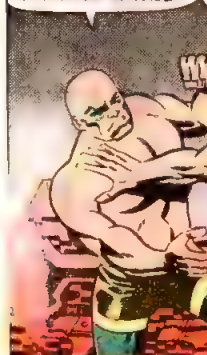


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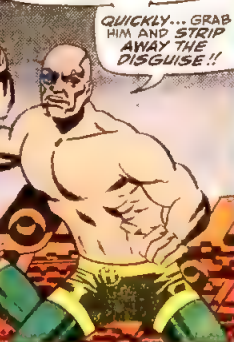
WAIT! CAN'T YOU SEE WE ARE IN THE IMPERIAL PRESENCE?

BUT... BUT HOW CAN IT BE POSSIBLE? THERE ARE... TWO OF THEM!

NOT TWO, YOU CLODS! IT'S NICK FURY THAT I'M FIGHTING! HE'S USED THE SPIDER-MASK MACHINE TO CHANGE HIS FACE!



DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, FOOLS! IT IS HE THAT HAS USED THE MACHINE TO CREATE A MASK TO DECEIVE YOU! A CRUDE PLOY TO ESCAPE HIS ULTIMATE FATE!



QUICKLY... GRAB HIM AND STRIP AWAY THE DISGUISE!!

THIS APPEARS TO BE YOUR DAY FOR MASQUERADING! BUT NOW THE TABLES ARE TURNED AGAIN, FURY! A PITY YOUR SCHEME FAILED!



IT IS... IT'S HIM!



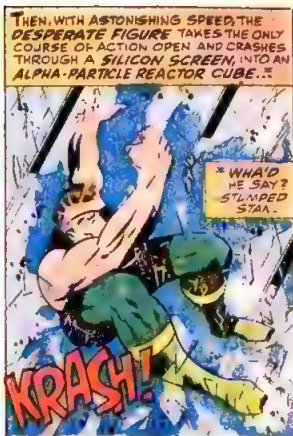
YOUR TIME HAS FINALLY RUN OUT!



NO!!
I CAN'T END THIS WAY!
NOT BY THE HAND OF HYDRA!
I CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN.



LOOK OUT! HE'S MAKING A BREAK FOR T... SHOOT!!
TAKE CARE NOT TO HIT THE EXALTED PRESENCE!



THEN, WITH ASTONISHING SPEED, THE DESPERATE FIGURE TAKES THE ONLY COURSE OF ACTION OPEN AND CRASHES THROUGH A SILICON SCREEN, INTO AN ALPHA-PARTICLE REACTOR CUBE...

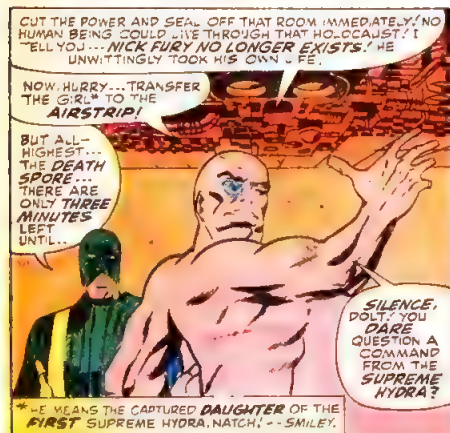
*WHWO HE SAY? STUMPEL STAA...

KRAASH!



AND IN THE FOLLOWING INSTANT DELICATE ARMATURES ARE TRIPPED... AS POWERFUL GENERATORS SHORT-CIRCUIT, RELEASING VIOLETIZING BEAMS OF ENERGIZED DEATH AND DESTRUCTION!

TOWERING REACTORS BUCKLE AND TEAR UNDER THE SCATHING HIGH TENSION ARCS... CHROME AND STEEL VAPORIZE IN A RAGING SCINTILLA OF INCANDESCENCE... AND SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE CATAclysmic FLAME OF THE FIGURE OF A MAN FOR WHICH THIS TIME, THERE CAN BE... NO ESCAPE!!



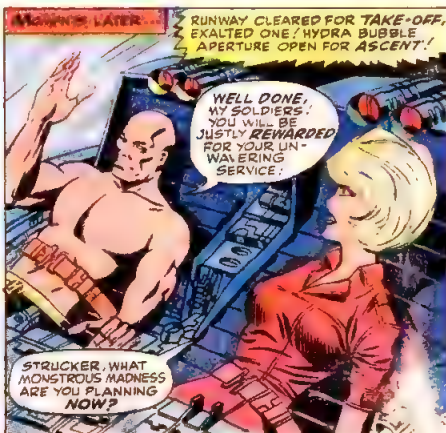
CUT THE POWER AND SEAL OFF THAT ROOM IMMEDIATELY... NO HUMAN BEING COULD LIVE THROUGH THAT HOLOCAUST! I TELL YOU... NICK FURY NO LONGER EXISTS! HE UNWITTINGLY TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

NOW HURRY... TRANSFER THE GIRL* TO THE AIRSTRIP!

BUT ALL-HIGHEST... THE DEATH SPORE... THERE ARE ONLY THREE MINUTES LEFT UNTIL...

SILENCE, DOLT! YOU DARE QUESTION A COMMAND FROM THE SUPREME HYDRA?

*HE MEANS THE CAPTURED DAUGHTER OF THE FIRST SUPREME HYDRA, NATCH! -- SMILEY.



MOMENTS LATER...

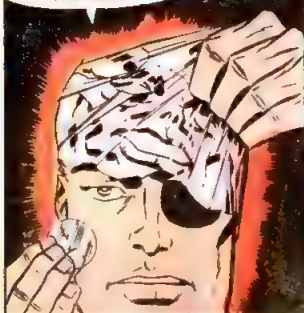
RUNWAY CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF, EXALTED ONE! HYDRA BUBBLE APERTURE OPEN FOR ASCENT!

WELL DONE, MY SOLDIER. YOU WILL BE JUSTLY REWARDED FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SERVICE.

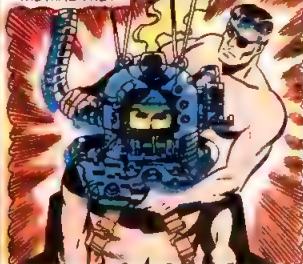
STRUCKER, WHAT MONSTROUS MADNESS ARE YOU PLANNING NOW?

THE NEXT SECOND... COLONEL FURY! IT'S YOU... BUT... BUT HOW?

TAKE IT EASY, LADY! YA JUST WITNESSED THE NEAREST SWITCH OF ALL TIME! AN I ALWAYS THOUGHT THIS ONLY HAPPENED IN THE MOVIES!



"YA SEE, WHEN I FINALLY GOT STRUCKER ALONE IN HIS COMMUNICATIONS ROOM! AFTER I GAVE HIM A SHOT IN THE JAW, I STUCK HIM UNDER THAT FACE-CHANGING GIZMO! LUCKY I'D SEEN IT IN OPERATION JUST AFTER I GOT TO HYDRA ISLAND! SO, I GAVE HIM MY FACE AND TOOK HIM OUTTA THE MACHINE!"



"THEN I MADE TWO MASKS OF STRUCKER'S FACE AN' PUT THEM ON BOTH OF US! JUST THEN, A PACK O' HYDRA BOYS CRASHED THE PARTY..."

I GOT 'EM TO PULL OFF STRUCKER'S MASK... NOW HE HAD MY FACE, BUT DIDN'T KNOW IT! BEFORE HE HAD TIME TO FIGGER IT OUT, THOSE HOT-HEADED CREEPS STARTED THROWIN' LEAD!



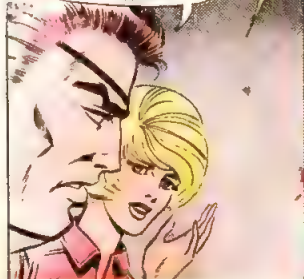
STRUCKER PANICKED, DIVED INTO A POWER CHAMBER, AND WAS BURNED TO A CINDER BEFORE YA COULD BAT AN EYE! THEM HYDRA HOOBS THOUGHT IT WUZ ME!



AFTER THAT, I JUST AD-LIBBED MY RAY BACK HERE AN' GOT YOU! I'LL BET STRUCKER NEVER FIGGERED HIS FACE WOULD BE THE ONE THING THAT'D GET US OUTTA THIS JOINT!

THEY'LL NEVER BELIEVE YOU BACK AT SHIELD HEADQUARTERS! IN FACT, SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED IN THE LAST FEW HOURS, I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT MYSELF!

YEAH! THAT REMINDS ME... I LEFT ONE MORE LITTLE SURPRISE, WHICH THEY SHOULD BE NOTICIN' JUST ABOUT NOW!



AND, AT THAT SELF-SAME MOMENT, SOMEWHERE ON HYDRA ISLAND...

ONLY SECONDS LEFT NOW BEFORE THE DEATH SPORE EXPLODES! NO POWER ON EARTH COULD DE-ACTIVATE IT, ONCE IT HAD BEEN SET! THE HYDRA TECHNICIANS ARE, INDEED, INGENIOUS!



YES--ONCE ACTIVATED IT CANNOT BE STOPPED! THAT WAS THE SUPREME ONE'S PLAN!

WH...? ER... OBSERVE THE OBJECT ON THE TABLE BEFORE US! DOES IT NOT LOOK EXACTLY LIKE...?

HEH... YES, IT... DOES RATHER... AHH... RESEMBLE IT... BUT... OF COURSE IT COULDN'T BE...? GACK! E



COULD IT?

THEN, JUST AS THE SLEEK AIRCRAFT EXITS FROM THE GIGANTIC DOME, THE HYDRA CITADEL IS WRACKED BY A FANTASTIC PAROXYSM OF DESTRUCTION AS THE DEATH SPORE RELEASES ITS IRREVOCABLE PAYLOAD OF CELLULAR DEATH! FIRST, A BLINDING HELIX OF LIGHT, FOLLOWED BY A TREMOR OF APPALLING MAGNITUDE - THEN, THE INCREDIBLE STRUCTURES INSIDE BEGIN TO 'TOPPLE', AS IF IN SLOW MOTION, WREAKING HAVOC AND INEXORABLE VIOLENCE WITHIN THE COLOSSAL STRUCTURE!

THEN, YOU KNEW ALL ALONG BRONSON WAS A HYDRA MAN! YET YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO DISCOVER HIS PLAN WAS TO OUTWAIT HIM! THAT'S WHY YOU ALLOWED HIM TO TAKE ME OFF THE HELI-CARRIER... WHY YOU HAD TO COME HERE!

YOU KNOW IT! I TOOK THE DEATH SPORE OFF THE CARRIER AND BROUGHT IT ALONG WHEN I STOWED AWAY! AT THE TIME, EVEN I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS!

WAIT... LOOK!

HYDRA ISLAND... IT'S BEGINNING TO SINK BENEATH THE SURFACE... IT'S BEING SWALLOWED UP BY THE OCEAN! IT'S THE END OF HYDRA FOREVER!

FUNNY... THEY PLANNED TO MAKE THEMSELVES RULERS OF THE WORLD... AM WOUND UP BY DESTROYING THEMSELVES! YA SEE, THEY BUILT THAT DOME TO KEEP THE GERMS OUT... BUT NOW IT'S KEEPIN' EM IN! PRETTY IRONIC, HUH?

WELL, MAYBE WE'LL SEE THE DAY WHEN MEN LIKE THOSE AN' THEIR DEEDS WILL BE ONLY THINGS OF THE PAST!

BUT 'TIL THEN, SHIELD WON'T QUIT, AS LONG AS THERE'S ONE WOULD-BE CONQUEROR WHO THINKS HE CAN LORD IT OVER EVERYBODY ELSE!

AS DUGAN WOULD SAY... 'YER ALL HEART, FURY, YER ALL HEART!'

AN THAT'S A PROMISE!

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WITH UMARU!

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DREAD SISTER OF
DOORAMMU,
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HIS MYSTIC
POWERS TO FREE
THE MONSTROUS
ZOM--HER
STERNAL ENEMY.

YET NOW, EVEN
ZOM HAS BEEN
DRIVEN FROM THE
EARTH BY THE
COMING OF THE
AWESOME--THE
UNIMAGINABLE...
**LIVING
TRIBUNAL!!**

(THERE! WHO SAYS
WE DON'T KEEP
NOTES ON OUR
OWN SWINGIN'
STORIES?)

THIS, THEN, IS THE
UNKNOWN BEING OF
WHOSE APPROACH
THE ANCIENT ONE
WARNED ME!

BUT, MY
MENTOR
IS NO
MORE!

AND, WITH EVEN
MY CLOAK OF
LEVITATION ABLAZE
--HOW CAN I STAND
AGAINST MY
THREE-VISAGED
ACCUSER?

HEAR ME, MORTAL!
BECAUSE YOU HAVE
UNWITTINGLY UNLEASHED
UPON THE COSMOS A
MENACE WHICH THREATENS
THE WORLDS BEYOND
WORLDS--

**EARTH
MUST BE
DESTROYED!!**

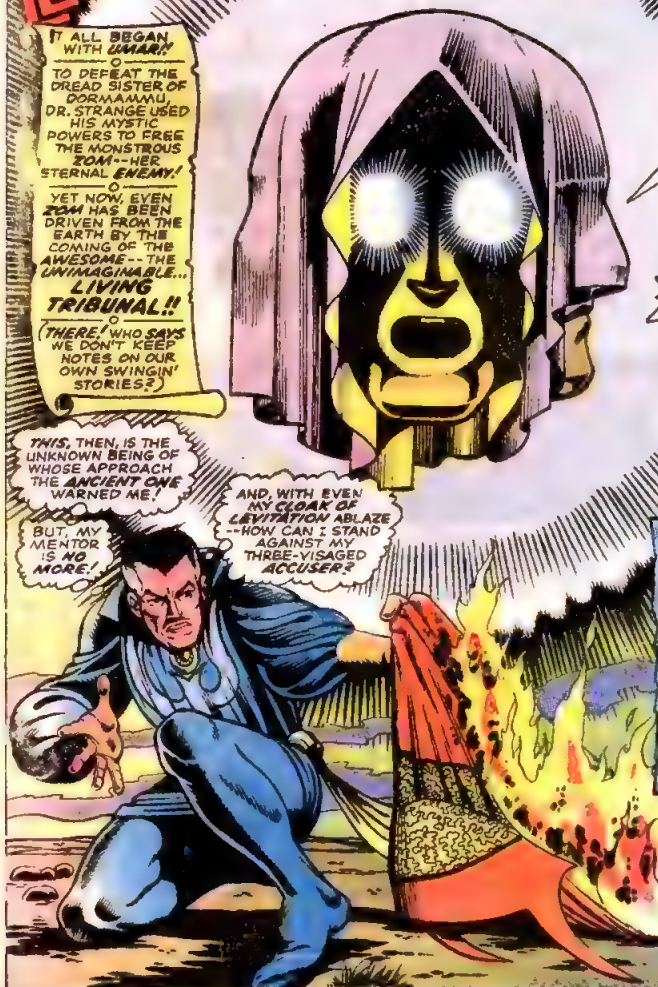
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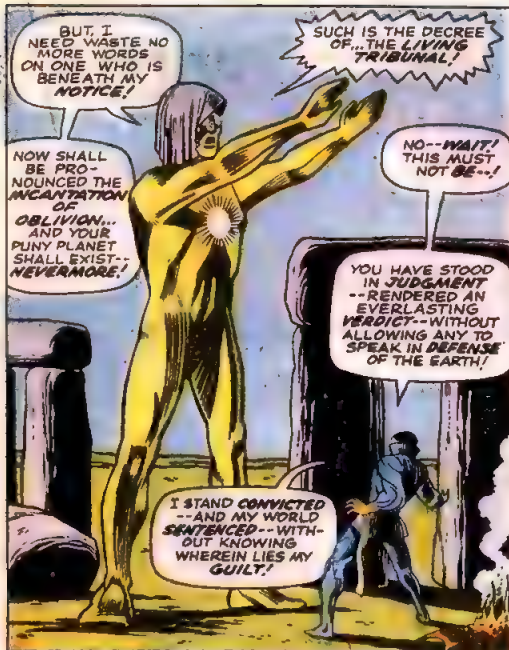
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**MYSTIC MASTERS
ALL!!**

OKAY--GOT YOUR
AMULET STRAPPED
ON, FAITHFUL ONE?
THEN, LET US
ENTER THE MYSTICAL
BEAL SA TOGETHER...





BUT, I NEED WASTE NO MORE WORDS ON ONE WHO IS BENEATH MY NOTICE!

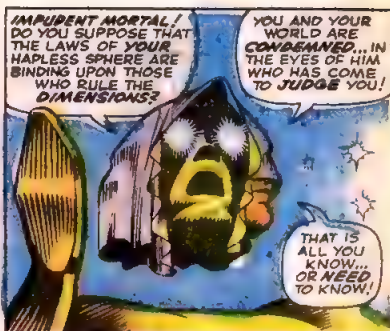
NOW SHALL BE PRO-
NOUNCED THE INCANTATION OF
OBLIVION... AND YOUR
PUNY PLANET SHALL EXIST--
NEVERMORE!

SUCH IS THE DECREE
OF...THE LIVING
TRIBUNAL!

NO--WAIT!
THIS MUST
NOT BE--!

YOU HAVE STOOD IN JUDGMENT
--RENDERED AN EVERLASTING
VERDICT--WITHOUT
ALLOWING ANY TO
SPEAK IN DEFENSE
OF THE EARTH!

I STAND CONVICTED
--AND MY WORLD
SENTENCED--WITH-
OUT KNOWING
WHEREIN LIES MY
GUILT!



IMPUDENT MORTAL!
DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT
THE LAWS OF YOUR
HAPLESS SPHERE ARE
BINDING UPON THOSE
WHO RULE THE
DIMENSIONS?

YOU AND YOUR
WORLD ARE
CONDEMNED... IN
THE EYES OF HIM
WHO HAS COME
TO JUDGE YOU!

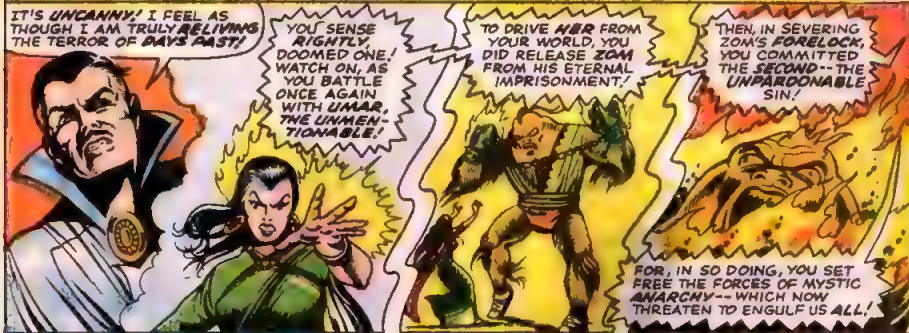
THAT IS
ALREADY KNOWN...
OR NEED
TO KNOW!



AND YET, IT IS MY
WILL THAT THE
PUNISHED SHOULD
KNOW THE CAUSE
OF HIS DIRE FATE!

THEREFORE, GAZE
DEEP INTO THE
SEARING ORBS OF
MY EYES, MORTAL
--AND LEARN!

THEN, AS THE MYSTIC MASTER PEERS, A PHANTASMAGORICAL PANORAMA UNFOLDS AROUND HIM...



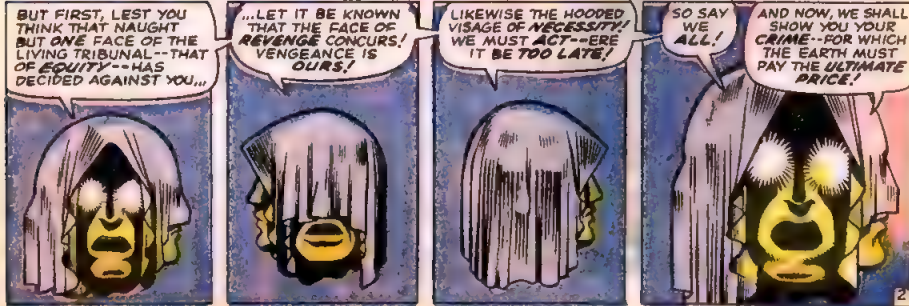
IT'S UNCANNY! I FEEL AS
THOUGH I AM TRULY RELIVING
THE TERROR OF DAYS PAST!

YOU SENSE
RIGHTLY,
DOOMED ONE!
WATCH ON, AS
YOU BATTLE
ONCE AGAIN
WITH UMAR,
THE UNMEN-
TIONABLE!

TO DRIVE HER FROM
YOUR WORLD, YOU
DID RELEASE ZOM
FROM HIS ETERNAL
IMPRISONMENT!

THEN, IN SEVERING
ZOM'S FORTUNE,
YOU COMMITTED
THE SECOND--THE
UNPARDONABLE
SIN!

FOR, IN SO DOING, YOU SET
FREE THE FORCES OF MYSTIC
ANARCHY--WHICH NOW
THREATEN TO ENGULF US ALL!



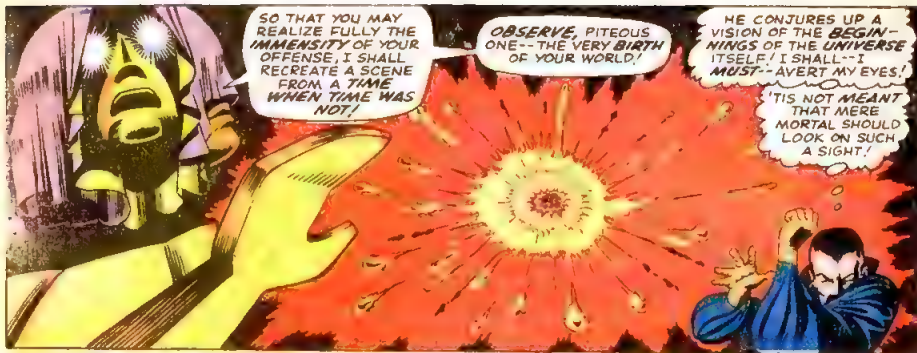
BUT FIRST, LETS YOU
THINK THAT NAUGHT
BUT ONE FACE OF
THE LIVING TRIBUNAL--THAT
OF EQUITY--HAS
DECIDED AGAINST YOU...

...LET IT BE KNOWN
THAT THE FACE OF
REVENGE CONCURS!
VENGEANCE IS
OURS!

LIKewise THE HOODED
VISAGE OF NECESSITY!
WE MUST ACT--ERE
IT BE TOO LATE!

SO SAY
WE
ALL!

AND NOW, WE SHALL
SHOW YOU YOUR
CRIME--FOR WHICH
THE EARTH MUST
PAY THE ULTIMATE
PRICE!

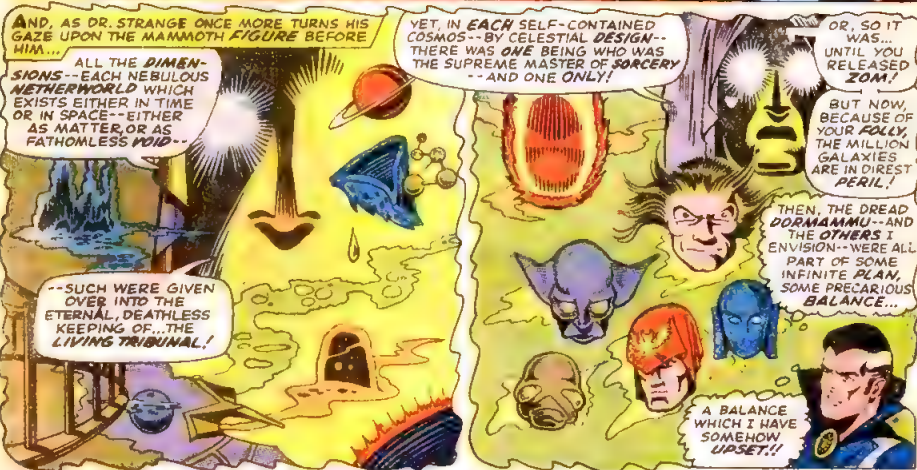


SO THAT YOU MAY
REALIZE FULLY THE
IMMENSITY OF YOUR
OFFENSE, I SHALL
RECREATE A SCENE
FROM A TIME
WHEN TIME WAS
NOT!

OBSERVE, PITEOUS
ONE-- THE VERY BIRTH
OF YOUR WORLD!

HE CONTURES UP A
VISION OF THE **BEGIN-**
NINGS OF THE **UNIVERSE**
ITSELF! I SHALL-- I
MUST-- AVERT MY EYES!

'TIS NOT MEANT
THAT MERE
MORTAL SHOULD
LOOK ON SUCH
A SIGHT!



AND, AS DR. STRANGE ONCE MORE TURNS HIS
GAZE UPON THE MAMMOTH FIGURE BEFORE
HIM...

ALL THE **DIMEN-**
SIONS--EACH NEBULOUS
NETHERWORLD WHICH
EXISTS EITHER IN TIME
OR IN SPACE-- EITHER
AS MATTER, OR AS
FATHOMLESS VOID--

--SUCH WERE GIVEN
OVER INTO THE
ETERNAL, DEATHLESS
KEEPING OF...THE
LIVING TRIBUNAL!

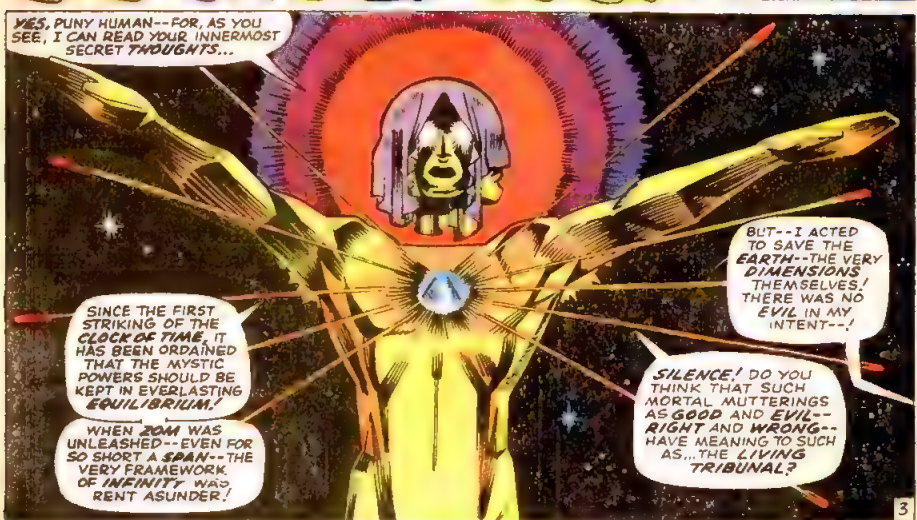
YET, IN EACH SELF-CONTAINED
COSMOS--BY CELESTIAL DESIGN--
THERE WAS **ONE** BEING WHO WAS
THE SUPREME MASTER OF **SORCERY**
--AND ONE ONLY!

OR, SO IT
WAS...
UNTIL YOU RELEASED
ZOM!

BUT NOW,
BECAUSE OF YOUR **ROLL**;
THE MILLION
GALAXIES
ARE IN DIREST
PERIL!

THEN, THE DREAD
DORMAMMU--AND
THE OTHERS I
ENVISION--WERE ALL
PART OF SOME
INFINITE PLAN,
SOME PRECARIOUS
BALANCE...

A BALANCE
WHICH I HAVE
SOMEHOW
UPSET!!



YES, PUNY HUMAN--FOR, AS YOU
SEE, I CAN READ YOUR INNERMOST
SECRET THOUGHTS...

SINCE THE FIRST
STRIKING OF THE
CLOCK OF TIME, IT
HAS BEEN ORDAINED
THAT THE MYSTIC
POWERS SHOULD BE
KEPT IN EVERLASTING
EQUILIBRIUM!

WHEN **ZOM** WAS
UNLEASHED--EVEN FOR
SO SHORT A **SPAN**--THE
VERY FRAMEWORK
OF **INFINITY** WAS
RENT ASUNDER!

BUT--I ACTED
TO SAVE THE
EARTH--THE VERY
DIMENSIONS
THEMSELVES!
THERE WAS NO
EVIL IN MY
INTENT--!

SILENCE! DO YOU
THINK THAT SUCH
MORTAL MUTTERINGS
AS **GOOD** AND **EVIL**--
RIGHT AND **WRONG**--
HAVE MEANING TO SUCH
AS...THE **LIVING**
TRIBUNAL?

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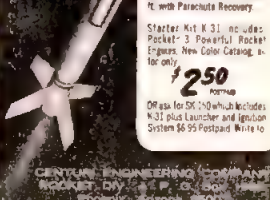


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-- BOTH UPON EARTH... AND UPON THE WORLDS BEYOND WORLDS!

THERE APPEAR BEFORE ME COUNT-LESS FACES-- THE IMAGES OF THOSE WHO POSSESS A DORMANT TALENT FOR **BLACK MAGIC!**

AND AMONG THE MANY-- ONE!!

"BEFORE ZOM WAS FREED, THIS MAN WAS A HUMBLE DRUGGIST! BUT, AT THIS VERY MOMENT--

I'VE DONE IT!

AFTER YEARS OF FUTILE STUDY, I HAVE SUDDENLY MASTERED THE RITUAL OF THE CIRCLES OF FIRE!

I SENSE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANCIENTS SURGE THRU MY BURNING BRAIN!

NO LONGER NEED I PORE IN VAIN OVER USELESS OCCULT TEXTS!

NOW, THE POWERS I SEEK RESIDE IN ME-- ALONE!

AND YET, I MUST TEST THESE NEW ABILITIES FURTHER!

THAT BOOK-- IT SHALL BE THE MEANS WHEREBY I TEST MY POWERS!

WELL DO I REMEMBER THE MYSTIC SPELL-- THOUGH IT HAS NEVER WORKED FOR ME-- BEFORE!

"BY THE SHADES OF THE SHADOWS-- BY THE HAND OF WATOOMS--"

"MAY NO OBJECT PREVENT ME-- MAY I PASS FROM THIS ROOM!"

IT-- IT'S WORKING!

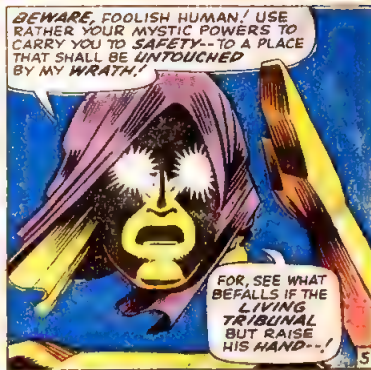
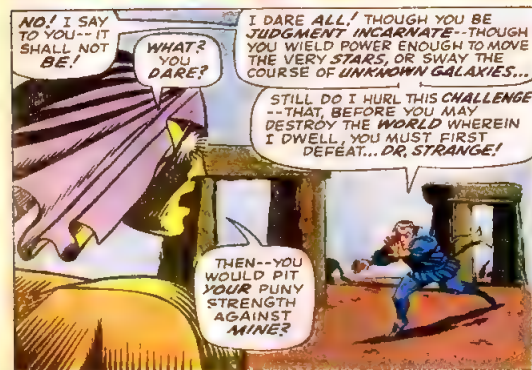
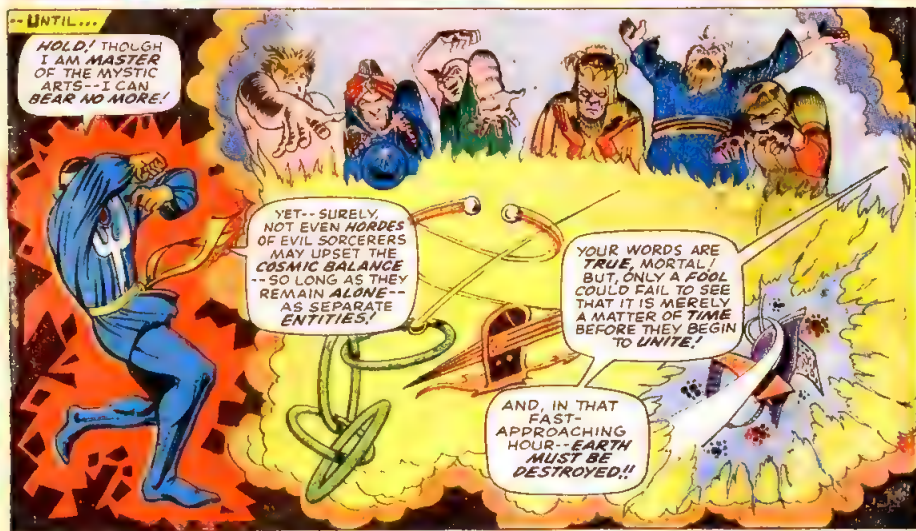
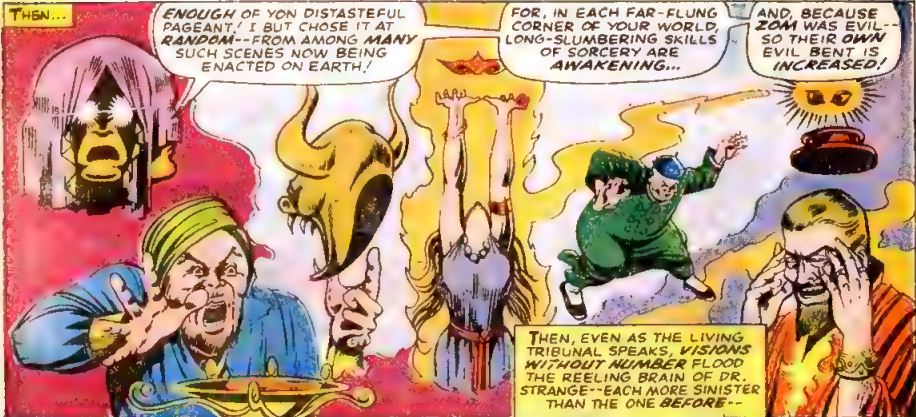
IT'S AS IF THE BOOKCASE --AND THE WALL BEYOND IT-- DID NOT EVEN EXIST WHILE I SPOKE THE MYSTIC WORDS!

I DO NOT KNOW HOW I GAINED SUCH POWER-- BUT, IT DOES NOT MATTER!

FOR YEARS, MEN HAVE CALLED ME A CHARLATAN... A DREAMER... A MADMAN!

YET NOW, THE DAY IS AT HAND WHEN I WILL HAVE... REVENGE!

I SHALL POSSESS WEALTH WITHOUT MEASURE-- AS I POSSESS MYSTIC POWER WITHOUT LIMIT!



THE NEXT MOMENT,
BEFORE THE
AWESTRUCK EYES
OF THE MORTAL
MAGICIAN...

TREMBLE,
INSOLENT ONE,
AT THIS IMAGE
OF THE FATE
WHICH HAS BEEN
DECREED FOR
YOUR ACCURSED
SPHERE.

AT MY COMMAND, ITS
POLAR REGIONS
SHALL EXPAND--THEIR
MASSIVE ICE-CAPS
CRUSHING ALL BEFORE
THEM--TILL THEY DO
BLANKET THE ENTIRE
GLOBE!

AND, IN THE END,
EARTH'S CRUST
SHALL BE SHRUNK--
THEN SPLINTERED--
BY THEIR MASSIVE
WEIGHT...AND THE
VERY PLANET
REDUCED TO FLOAT-
ING COSMIC DUST!

THEN--AND ONLY
THEN--MAY THE
WORLDS BEYOND
WORLDS BE
DEEMED
ETERNALLY SAFE!

MUST I NOW
VIEW THE EARTH'S
COMING
DESTRUCTION--AS
I EARLIER DID
TURN FROM ITS
CREATION?

THE TERRIFYING
VISION SEEMS SO
REAL--SO IMMINENT
--EVEN THOUGH I
KNOW IT IS BUT THE
SHADOW OF
A SHADOW!

CAN IT BE
BECAUSE MY
WORLD IS TRULY
DOOMED--AND MY
MYSTIC STRUGGLE
IS FOREDESTINED
TO FAILURE?

NO!! I DARE NOT CONSIDER EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF DEFEAT--LEST, BY DOING SO, I MAKE DEFEAT **INEVITABLE!**

RATHER, I MUST **STRIKE**--THAT THE LIVING TRIBUNAL MAY KNOW MY **STRENGTH!**

BY THE AWESOME NAMELESS RACE, BY THE EVIL I **ABHOR--**

LET MY FEARSOME Foe KNOW FACE--THE RINGS OF **RAGGADORR!!**

FOOL! KNOW YOU NOT THAT EVEN SUCH A **POTENT** CURSE IS FUTILE AGAINST ONE WHO MAKES...THE **SIGN OF THE SERAPHIM!**

MAY THE **ETERNAL VISHANTI** PROTECT ME! I AM IMPRISONED...BY MY OWN **SPELL!**

NOW, LET THE ENCRINGING BANDS GROW TIGHT!...EVER **TIGHTER**--UNTIL THE VOICE OF DR. STRANGE PLEADS FOR **MERCY!**

PLEAD? NAY--NEVER SHALL ANY HEAR SUCH CRY FROM MY LIPS--NOT THOUGH I **PERISH!**

THEN, PERISH YOU **SHALL!**

FOR, NO HUMAN--NOT EVEN A **SORCERER**--MAY ESCAPE THE ROVING RINGS OF **RAGGADORR!**

PERHAPS NOT ONE MORTAL--BUT, YOU COULD GET THAT...ALSO POSSESS THE POWER BEQUEATHED TO ME BY THE VANISHED **ANCIENT ONE!**

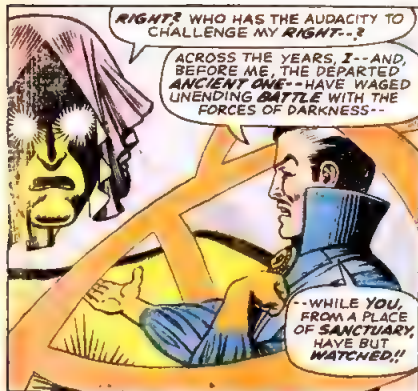
THE MYSTIC BONDS ARE **SEVERED!** NEVER HAS EVEN THE **LIVING TRIBUNAL** BEHELD SUCH A **SIGHT!**

BUT, YON FEAT HAS SURELY **WEAKENED** YOU--

--WHILE I HAVE POWER ENOUGH WITH THE MEREST **GESTURE**--TO CALL FORTH THE CONSTRAINING RINGS YET A **SECOND TIME!**

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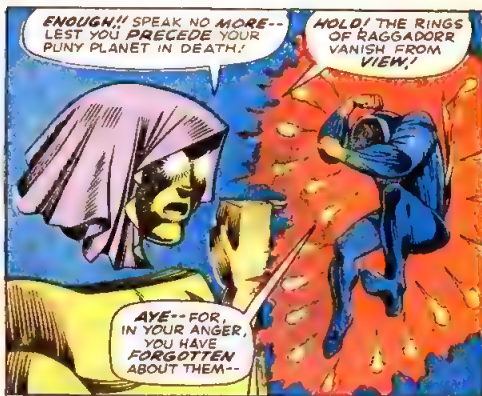
THEN, YOU WOULD **STILL** SEEK TO ENSLAVE ME AND DESTROY MY **WORLD**--YOU, WHO HAVE NO **RIGHT!!**



RIGHT? WHO HAS THE AUDACITY TO CHALLENGE MY RIGHT--?

ACROSS THE YEARS, I--AND, BEFORE ME, THE DEPARTED ANCIENT ONE--HAVE WAGED UNENDING BATTLE WITH THE FORCES OF DARKNESS--

--WHILE YOU, FROM A PLACE OF SANCTUARY, HAVE BUT WATCHED!!



ENOUGH!! SPEAK NO MORE-- LEST YOU PRECEDE YOUR PUNY PLANET IN DEATH!

HOLD! THE RINGS OF RAGGADORR VANISH FROM VIEW!

AYE-- FOR, IN YOUR ANGER, YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THEM--



AND, A SPELL NEGLECTED-- IS A SPELL BROKEN!

NOW, E'ER YOU MAY SUMMON THE SANDS YET A THIRD TIME--

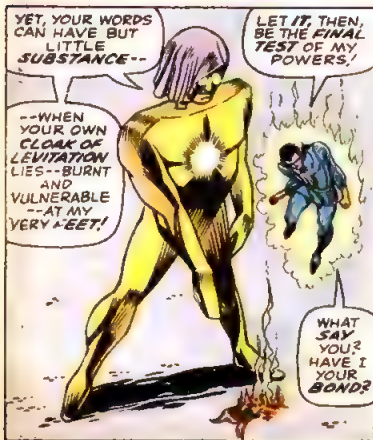
--IN THE NAME OF THE OMNIPOTENT OSHTUR, LET ME BE ENVELOPED BY THE FLOCKING FLAMES OF THE FALTINE!



EVEN SO, I KNOW THAT-- IN AN INSTANT'S THOUGHT-- YOU MAY UTTERLY DESTROY ME-- AND THE EARTH!

BUT, HAVE I NOT SHOWN THAT I POSSESS THE POWER --AS I POSSESS THE WILL-- TO DEAL WITH THE MENACE TO THE WORLDS BEYOND WORLDS?

I DENY NOT, MORTAL, THAT YOU ARE STRONGER THAN I DEEMED POSSIBLE--



YET, YOUR WORDS CAN HAVE BUT LITTLE SUBSTANCE--

--WHEN YOUR OWN CLOAK OF LEVITATION LIES--BURNT AND VULNERABLE --AT MY VERY FEET!

LET IT, THEN, BE THE FINAL TEST OF MY POWERS!

WHAT SAY YOU? HAVE I YOUR BOND?



THAT, IF YOU RESTORE YOUR CLOAK, I SHALL GRANT YOUR WORLD A REPRIEVE!

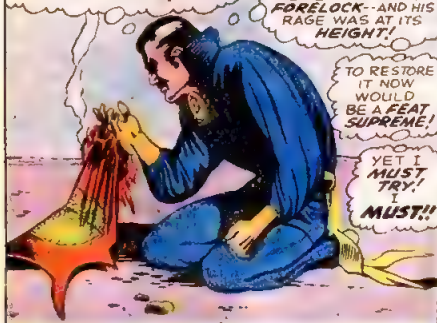
AGREED! FOR, THE GARMENT WAS CHARR'D BY THE MONSTROUS, MYSTICAL ZOM-- THUS, NONE BUT THE GREATEST OF FORCERS COULD UNDO IT!

THIS, THEN, SHALL BE MOST FATEFUL CHALLENGE OF ALL!

FOR, IF I FAIL, I FALL!

AND, IF I FALL-- THEN, FALLS THE EARTH!

I KNOW THAT THE **LIVING TRIBUNAL**-- HE WHO EVEN NOW READS MY INNERMOST **THOUGHTS**-- SPOKE **TRUE!**



THE ACCURSED **ZOM** DID SEAR MY CAPE AT THAT VERY INSTANT WHEN I SEIZED HIS MYSTIC **FORELOCK**-- AND HIS RAGE WAS AT ITS **HEIGHT!**

TO RESTORE IT NOW WOULD BE A **FEAT SUPREME!**

YET I **MUST TRY!**
I MUST!!

I AM ALLOWED BUT **ONE** INCANTATION! MAY **OSHTUR** GRANT THAT 'TIS THE **RIGHT ONE!**



AND NOW... I **BEGIN!**

BY THE **CRIMSON BANDS** OF **CYTTORAK**-- BY **NOGGOTH'S** **MOARY HORDE**-- BY THE **DREADED DEMONS** OF **DENAK**-- MY CLOAK NOW **RISE...** **RESTORED!!**



A **MOMENT** PASSES... A **LONG, FEARFUL** MOMENT WHICH LOOMS OVER A **SILENT EARTH** LIKE AN **OMINOUS SWORD...**



...UNTIL...

THE CLOAK **STIRS!** IS IT... BUT THE **WIND?**

BUT THEN, AS **TIME** ITSELF SEEMS TO **PAUSE** IN **WONDER...**



IT **RISES!** YET -- THAT IS ONLY **HALF** THE **SPELL--!**

THE NEXT SECOND, AMIDST A **BLAZINGLY BRILLIANT FLASH** OF **LIGHT--**



MY CLOAK OF **LEVITATION**-- 'TIS **TRULY RESTORED**, AS WHEN 'T WAS **FIRST BESTOWED** UPON ME!

PRaise BE TO THE **ETERNAL VISNANTI**-- AND TO THE **OMNISCIENCE** OF MY **VANISHED MENTOR**-- FOR THIS **GREATEST OF BOONS!**

THEN, AS THE **GARMENT** FLOATS TO ITS **PROPER PLACE...**

NOW, O **JUDGE** OF THE **INFINITE COSMOS**-- KNOW YOU THAT I AM **TRULY MASTER** OF THE **MYSTIC ARTS!**



I HAVE **EARNED** THE RIGHT TO DO **BATTLE** FOR THE **LIVES** OF **MANKIND!**

IN THE NAME OF THE **ALL-SEEING AGAMOTO**-- I CALL UPON YOU TO **HONOR** OUR **COMPACT!**

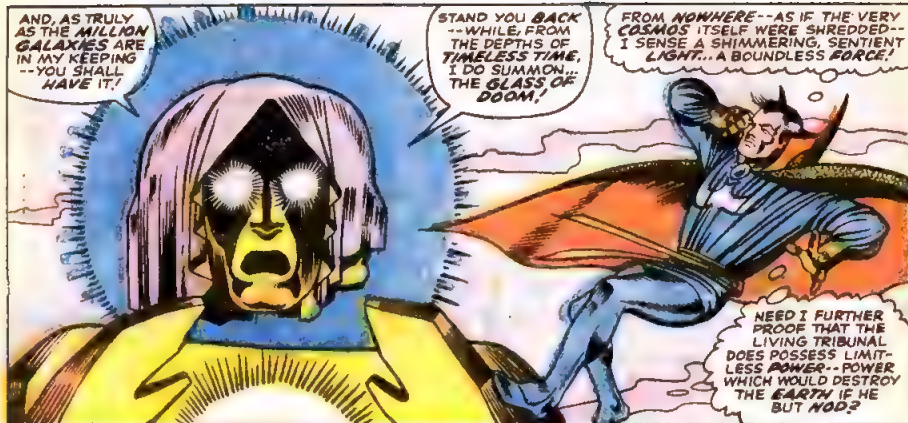
LET **NONE** SAY THAT THE **LIVING TRIBUNAL** DOES E'ER **BETRAY** HIS **SACRED WORD!**

YET, EVEN I HAVE NOT THE **POWER** TO **SPARE** YOUR **THREATENED** **WORLD** FOR **LONG!**



FOR, MY **TRUE FUNCTION**-- THAT TASK FOR WHICH I WAS **PRIMEVALLY CREATED**-- IS TO **PROTECT** THE **WORLDS** **WITHOUT END**, TO WHOM YOUR **EARTH** IS BUT A **SPECK** OF **DUST!**

I ASK ONLY A **CHANCE**, **IMMORTAL** **ONE**--AND SUCH **TIME** AS YOU MAY **GRANT!**



AND, AS TRULY
AS THE **MILLION**
GALAXIES ARE
IN MY KEEPING
--YOU SHALL
HAVE IT!

STAND YOU **BACK**
--WHILE, FROM
THE DEPTHS OF
TIMELESS TIME,
I DO SUMMON...
THE **GLASS OF**
DOOM!

FROM **NOWHERE**--AS IF THE VERY
COSMOS ITSELF WERE SHREDED--
I SENSE A SHIMMERING, SENTIENT
LIGHT... A **BOUNDLESS FORCE!**

NEED I FURTHER
PROOF THAT THE
LIVING TRIBUNAL
DOES POSSESS **LIMIT-**
LESS POWER--POWER
WHICH WOULD DESTROY
THE **EARTH** IF HE
BUT **NOD?**

THEN, FROM OUT OF INFINITE **NOTHINGNESS**, THERE
APPEARS A **GLOWING, GARGANTUAN HOURGLASS**--
WHICH THE **FADING FIGURE** TURNS OVER IN HIS
HERCULEAN **HANDS**...

HEED MY
FINAL
WORDS,
MORTAL.

YOU HAVE
BUT **LITTLE**
TIME IN WHICH
TO UNDO THE
EVIL WROUGHT
BY THE
FREEING OF
ZOM!

FOR, THOUGH I NOW
DEPART--WHEN THE
SANDS OF DEATH
HAVE RUN THEIR
FULL COURSE, I
SHALL **RETURN**...

...AND, IN THAT
HOUR--THE EARTH SHALL
SURELY **PERISH**!!

HE IS **GONE**
--BACK TO THE
NAMELESS VOID
FROM WHENCE
HE CAME!

BUT, EVEN AS HE
VANISHES, THE
FATEFUL **GOLDEN**
SANDS BEGIN
SLOWLY TO **SIFT**--!

THE NEXT INSTANT, THE ENCHANTED CLOAK LIFTS DR. STRANGE INTO THE
DARKENED SKIES...

NOT A MOMENT--
NOT THE MEREST
MICROSECOND--
MAY I TARRY IN
STONEHENGE!

I MUST HASTEN TO MY
SANCTUM SANCTORUM--
TO SEEK OUT THE AWAKEN-
ING **MENACE** I HAVE
UNWITTINGLY AROUSED...
AND **DISPEL IT!**

BUT, WITHOUT THE
ANCIENT ONE AT
MY SIDE, TO
STRENGTHEN AND
SUSTAIN ME--

SHALL I BE
ABLE TO
QUENCH THE
FEARFUL
FLAMES I'VE
STIRRED--
IN **TIME**?

THIS SPEAKING, THE **MASTER OF THE MYSTIC**
ARTS STREAKS OFF INTO THE **SOMBRE SKY**--AND,
THERE IS **NAUGHT** LEFT TO SHOW THAT HERE,
IN THIS ANCIENT PLACE, THE FATE OF A **PLANET**
HANGS IN **PRECARIOUS BALANCE**; NAUGHT--SAVE
THE EVER-PRESENT, EVER-SIFTING **SANDS**...

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STRANGE MAILS

ear Stan,

In the past Bullpen Bulletin you stated that whoever mentioned another strip that had been done by more artists than the Hulk would win a special no-prize. Well, send it down here. The Shield series has had more — it's had Kirby, Severin, Sinnott, Heck, Purcell, Whitney, Buscema, and Steranko — that's eight, one more than of Hulk!

Jose Medina, 117 S. 4th St.
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11211

Good word, Jose! Of course, by now ol' Green Skin has Merry Marie Severin illustrating his agonizin' adventures, so he's tied with Shield once more—but we're not gonna split hairs, tiger! Your no-prize will be winging your way before you no it! (Ouch!) And, a couple of no-prizes to Mark Phillips of Lynn, Mass., and Tom Orzechowski, Detroit, Mich., for naming the eight Shield artists, also! Hang loose, lads — you're heroes all!

Dear Stan,

Exciting was the word for your new issue of STRANGE TALES. Jim Steranko's art reached new heights of glory (especially noticeable on Miss Brown), and Roy took on a tough job and came out a success in every corner. But the brunt of my letter has to do with the senses-staggering sketches of Marie Severin. I've seen Marie's work in *Esquire* and you couldn't have found a better artist for Dr. Strange. Her bold portrayal of Truth and the brimming wickedness of Umar held me captive as she weaved her wily spells. Marie added the proper touch of fantasy to her work, and I sincerely hope she keeps it up.

Bill Mantlo, 223-04 Murdock Ave.
Queens Village 29, N.Y.

She will, Billy boy, she will — unless the Hoary Hosts of Hoggoth pull another fast one on us and show her the way to Brand Echh! But don't worry, faithful one — we've got our amulet trained on her every minute — and besides, that flying carpet we gave her looks so cool in her decorator-styled living room!

Dear Stan,

How could you, leader? How did you dare to hamper Jim Steranko's "Shield" by having others lay it out these months? Now that you've let Jim take it himself as in #154, the results are wild! This guy has to rank as the best newcomer to the field this year. Perhaps the finest example of his work can be found on page 9 — too much! You've got a winner on your hands! Does the great artwork stop here, though? Definitely not! Even if you don't have Johnny Severin anymore, at least you have his sister, and that's just as good. A question — why haven't you allowed her to touch a pencil previously, 'stead of relegating her to production chores? This gal is talented. Reading those two stories, it's hard to believe that this was Marvel's

worst-drawn comic for quite a spell. How things have changed!

Larry Good, 18839 Glenmore
Detroit, Mich. 48240

For the better, we hope! But, hark ye to these wondrous words, Conjurer Good—we do indeed have Jolly Johnny Severin once more! Even as these lines are scrawled upon a sheet of Marvel foolscap, ol' Sev is hard at work illustrating the first of many SGT. FURY masterworks to come! See how the Vishanti smile down upon those who be worthy?

Dear Stan,

Recently I got to reading an old F.F. featuring the Hate Monger, and who should be guest-starring but Nick Fury! He seemed to have one problem — no eye patch. Anyway, I figured out that of Nick wanted to get back into the shirt-advertising game, and needed the eyepatch. Marvelous Marie Severin is fantastic — she's just the person to follow Bill Everett. She lends a great Golden Age touch to the Marvel age. Also, could you tell us who draws and writes the stories reprinted in FANTASY MASTERPIECES? Issue #7 was terrific!

Michael Esterson, 303 Bishop White,
37th & Spruce Sts.
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It would fill this entire letters page just to give you the names of all the Golden Age greets who have scribbled and drawn the thrillers appearing in FANTASY MASTERPIECES, Mike — and think how bad Jose, Bill, and Larry would feel if we didn't have room to print their merry little missives! However, if you'll let us know which particular yarn (or yarns) you're interested in, we'll try to ferret out the facts for you, ol' Flame Keeper. After all, we never know when we'll need a friend at peerless Penn!

NEXT ISH: Now that Hydra's been polished off forever (or at least for a few issues), the time is ripe for one of the most off-beat SHIELD stories of all! So, hang on to your A-1 Priority Cards — 'cause our stogie-smokin' colonel is going back to school — spy school, that is! And, wait'll you see the sensational guest star we've got lined up as his tintinnabulatin' teacher! Don't worry about ol' Doc Strange, though — he'll have plenty to keep him busy, too. And, while we're talking about surprise appearances, next ish will feature not only the menace of the awakening Mystics of Mankind — but also the return of one of the most dangerous magical menaces of all! We don't wanna tell you any more now and risk spoiling your fun, but take it from us, tiger — STRANGE TALES #159 is right in your bag!

Let's meet 26 more M.M.M.S. members!

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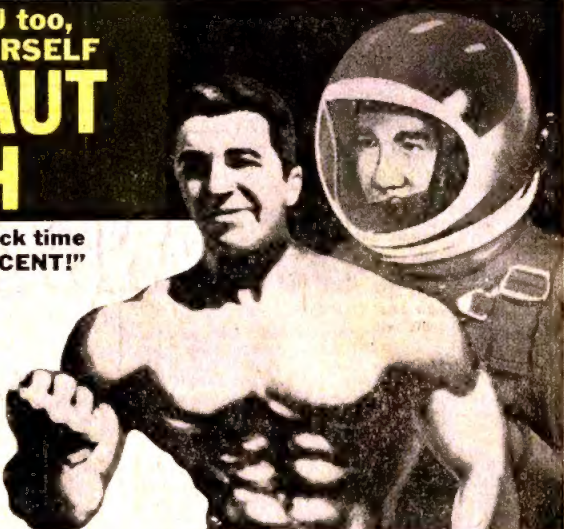


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